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H. R. 5932

To establish the Organized Retail Theft Investigation and Prosecution Unit
in the Department of Justice, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 29, 2010

Mr. SCOTT of Virginia (for himself, Mr. SMITH of Texas, Mr. CONYERS, and
Mr. GOODLATTE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the
Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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Prosecution Unit in the Department of Justice, and for
other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Organized Retail Theft
5 Investigation and Prosecution Act of 2010”.

6 **SEC. 2. ORGANIZED RETAIL THEFT INVESTIGATION AND**
7 **PROSECUTION UNIT.**

8 (a) ESTABLISHMENT.—Not later than 180 days after
9 the date of enactment of this Act, the Attorney General

1 shall establish the Organized Retail Theft Investigation
2 and Prosecution Unit (hereinafter in this Act referred to
3 as the “ORTIP Unit”).

4 (b) COMPOSITION.—The ORTIP Unit shall include
5 investigators, prosecutors, and any other personnel nec-
6 essary to carry out the duties of the ORTIP Unit.

7 (c) DUTIES.—The duties of the ORTIP Unit are as
8 follows:

9 (1) To investigate and prosecute those instances
10 of organized retail theft over which the Department
11 of Justice has jurisdiction.

12 (2) To assist State and local law enforcement
13 agencies in investigating and prosecuting organized
14 retail theft.

15 (3) To consult with and advise victims of orga-
16 nized retail theft.

17 **SEC. 3. DEFINITION.**

18 In this Act, the term “organized retail theft”
19 means—

20 (1) the obtaining of retail merchandise by ille-
21 gal means for the purpose of reselling or otherwise
22 placing such merchandise back into the stream of
23 commerce; or

1 (2) aiding or abetting the commission of or con-
2 spiring to commit any of the acts described in para-
3 graph (1).

4 **SEC. 4. REPORT.**

5 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment
6 of this Act, the Attorney General shall submit a report
7 containing recommendations on how retailers, online busi-
8 nesses, and law enforcement agencies can help prevent and
9 combat organized retail theft to the Chairs and Ranking
10 Members of the Committee on the Judiciary of the House
11 of Representatives and of the Committee on the Judiciary
12 of the Senate. The Attorney General shall make the report
13 available to the public on the Web site of the Department
14 of Justice.

15 **SEC. 5. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

16 There are authorized to be appropriated to the Attor-
17 ney General to carry out this Act, \$5,000,000 for each
18 of fiscal years 2011 through 2015.

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